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Status								
1)□	Responsive to communication(s) filed on							
·	This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.							
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,_	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Dispositi	on of Claims							
4)⊠	4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>3-6,11-15,17-19 and 22</u> is/are pending in the application.							
•	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
_	Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
·=	Claim(s) is/are rejected.							
7)🖂	Claim(s) <u>3-6,11-15,17-19 and 22</u> is/are objected to.							
8)□	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.							
Applicati	on Papers							
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.								
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.								
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).								
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).								
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.								
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119							
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:								
	 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 							
	3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
	application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.								
Attachment	c(s) e of References Cited (PTO-892)		4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)				
2) D Notic	e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-94		Paper No(s)/Mail Da	te				
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DETAILED ACTION

The following office action is in regards to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision dated September 19, 2005.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, 16, 20 and 23, and dependent claim(s) 2, and 7-10, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 3-6, 11-15, 17-19 and 22 dependent thereon. There are no allowed claims in the application. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form to avoid ABANDONMENT of the application. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Srilakshmi K. Kumar whose telephone number is 571 272 7769. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am to 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on 571 272 3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Srilakshmi K. Kumar Examiner Art Unit 2675

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